(c) the details of computerisation of subordinate courts, if any, planned by Government;

(d) whether any assessment of functioning of Fast Task Courts have been made; and

(e) *if so, the details thereof?*

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgement of October 6, 1993 read with their Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the process of initiation of propsal for appointment of Judges in the High Courts lies with the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court. The Government has, however, been requesting the Chief Justices of the High Courts, Chief Ministers and the Governors of the States, from time to time, to initiate proposals for filling up of the present and anticipated vacancies during the next six months. In response to these efforts, as on 14.7.2006, against a sanctioned strength of 678, there were 588 Judges in position in the High Courts leaving 90 vacancies to be filled up.

(c) A Scheme for computerization of the Judiciary which would cover about 15000 District and Subordinate Courts in the Country has since been approved. The Scheme is being implemented by the National Informatic Centre (NIC) under the overall guidance of E-Committee headed by a retired High Court Judge.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) As per the information available with the Department of Justice, the Fast Track courts have disposed of 10.09 lakh cases out of 17.78 lakh cases transferred to them.

Production of iron ore

†34. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that iron ore is produced in the country in public sector as well as the private sector;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the average annual production in the public sector and private sector separately during the last five years; and

(c) the quantum of production, out of this, exported annually on average?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per available information, the annual production in the public sector and private sector companies during the last five years is given below:—

(*Quantum in '000 tonnes*)

Year	Public Sector	Private Sector	Total
2001-02	45098	41128	86226
2002-03	49696	49376	99072
2003-04	57543	65295	122838
2004-05	57028	85760	142788
2005-06 (Provisional)	58813	95437	154250

(c) As per information available from DGCIS Kolkata, the quantum of iron ore exported during the last five years is given below:

(*Quantum in '000 tonnes*)

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (provisional)
20200	23086	57094	51496	83166

Extraction and import of iron ore deposits by private companies

35. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that well-known private companies are acquiring large areas of property in and around Raman Durga hills near Hosepet in Karnataka for extraction and export of iron ore deposits in large scale;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite large volumes of iron ore are mined and exported no attention has been paid towards development of the areas which remains backward; and